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# GODZILLA

OF  
THE MONSTERS



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Eons past, a monstrous hybrid of land and marine reptiles was sealed into a state of suspended animation, slumbering through the fall of dinosaurs and the rise of man. But, awakened by an undersea nuclear test, the creature returned to life — now breathing the fires of radiation...

Stan Lee PRESENTS: **GODZILLA™** KING OF THE MONSTERS!

# "OF LIZARDS, GREAT AND SMALL"

AN IDYLIC SETTING ON THE VAST PLAINS OF WESTERN COLORADO...

FOR ONE WHO HAS RECENTLY BEEN ACCUSED OF A MOST SAVAGE FORM OF RUSTLING (DEVOURING THE CATTLE WHOLE), GODZILLA'S PRESENT ACTIVITY IS ODDLY GENTLE...

HE GRAZES.

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GENTLE, INDEED. HIS BELLY FULL, HE STRETCHES AND TAKES EXTRA OXYGEN, LUXURIATING IN THE CONTENTMENT OF THE FLESH.



FOR VARIOUS REASONS (MOST OF THEM CONCERNING A SOMEWHAT BIZARRE ROUNDUP\*), THE LEVIATHAN HAS PASSED TWO DAYS WITHOUT SLEEP...

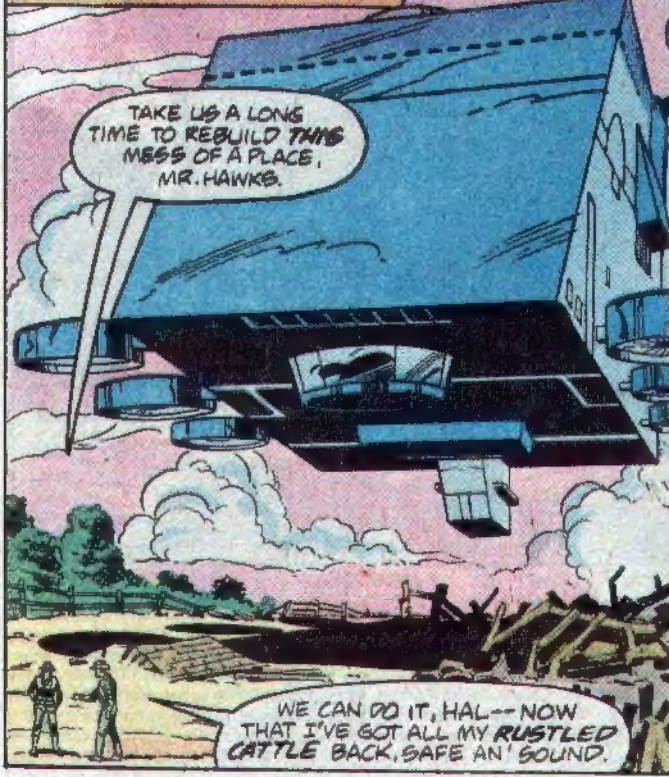


\* SEE LAST ISSUE -- BOB.

IT IS A GOOD TIME, AND A NICE PLACE, TO RECTIFY THE MATTER.



MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE UTAH CATTLE RANCH OWNED BY JOHN HAWKS (AND RECENTLY RESCUED FROM FINANCIAL RUIN BY GODZILLA)...



TAKE US A LONG TIME TO REBUILD THIS MESS OF A PLACE, MR. HAWKS.

WE CAN DO IT, HAL-- NOW THAT I'VE GOT ALL MY RUSTLED CATTLE BACK, SAFE AN' SOUND.

STILL CAN'T BELIEVE HOW IT ALL HAP--

EH--?



WHAT'S THAT?



IF THIS DON'T BEAT ALL.  
FIRST A GIANT LIZARD-  
MONSTER OUTTA THE  
PAST -- AND NOW A NEW-  
FANGLED FLYIN' MACHINE  
OUTTA THE FUTURE.

WHAT'LL  
THEY THINK  
OF NEXT?

HOLD YER HORSES, COWBOYS--  
NO NEED TO GET NERVOUS.  
YOU'RE BEIN' VISITED BY AN  
OFFICIAL SHIELD HELI-CARRIER  
ENVOY, THAT'S ALL.

NAME'S  
DUM DUM  
DUGAN...

HUH?

... AND THIS'S DR. TAKIGUCHI!  
AN' GABE JONES.

HEARD YA  
HAD A RUN-IN  
WITH  
GODZILLA.

YEP--  
SURE  
DID.

WELL, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF  
SHIELD, WE'RE TRYIN' TO CATCH  
THE BIG LIZARD.

SO WERE WE--  
TILL HE EXPOSED  
THE RUSTLERS AND  
SAVED MY RANCH.

HUH?  
HOW'S THAT?

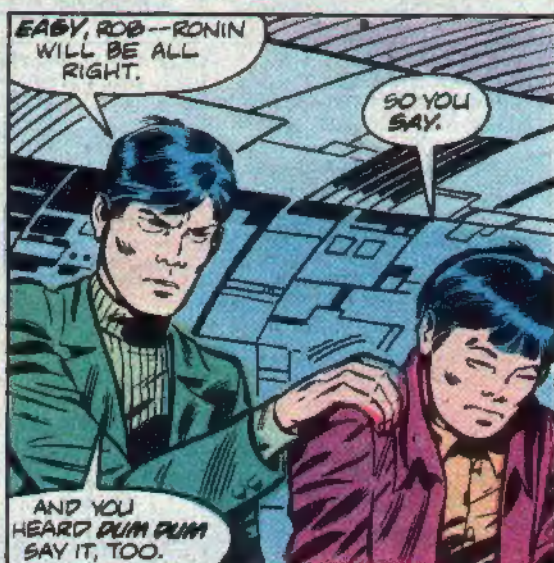
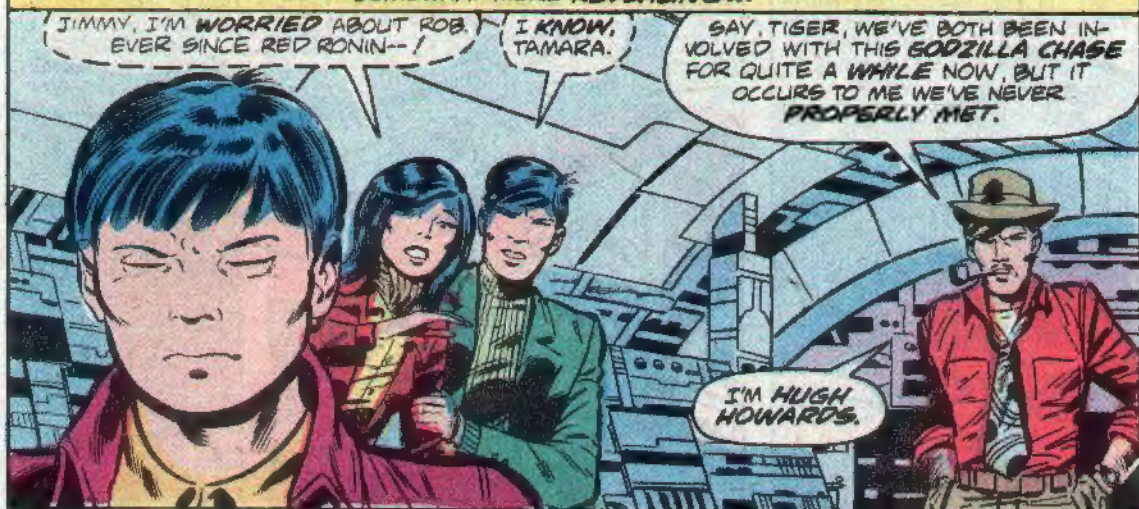
I THINK YOU'D BETTER RUN THAT  
THROUGH ONE MORE TIME, COWBOY--  
AN' TAKE IT BLASTED SLOW,  
HUH?

WELL, IT'S A LONG  
STORY, MR. DUGAN,  
AND IT ALL STARTED  
WHEN...

BUT SINCE THAT  
STORY HAS ALREADY  
BEEN RECOUNTED--



-- A SCENE-SHIFT TO THE INTERIOR OF THE HELI-CARRIER "BEHEMOTH" MIGHT PROVE TO BE SOMEWHAT MORE REVEALING...

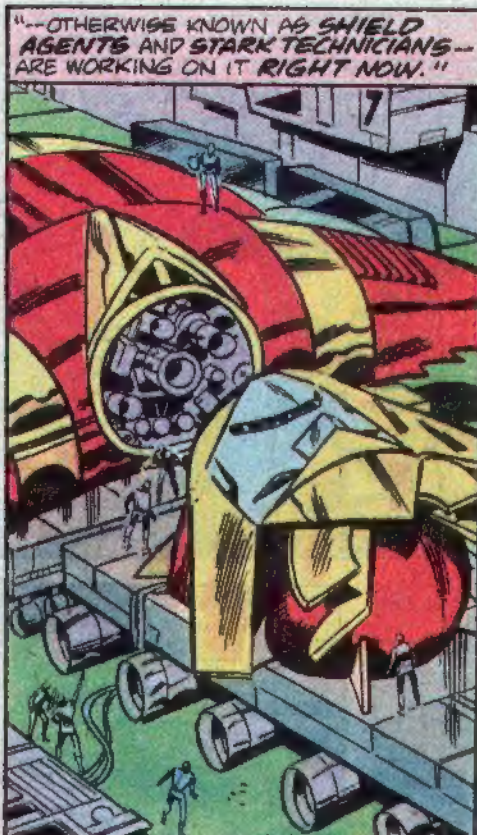






BUT IS  
IT  
TRUE?

OF COURSE--  
WE'LL GET HIM  
BACK TOGETHER  
AGAIN. IN FACT,  
ALL THE KING'S  
MEN--



"--OTHERWISE KNOWN AS SHIELD  
AGENTS AND STARK TECHNICIANS--  
ARE WORKING ON IT RIGHT NOW."



YEAH... AND ONCE  
HE'S BACK TO-  
GETHER, YOU'LL  
MAKE SURE I  
NEVER COMBINE  
WITH HIM AGAIN.

JIMMY WOO SAYS  
NOTHING.



I WANTED TO, TAMARA, BELIEVE ME, BUT  
I JUST COULDN'T LIE TO HIM.



I KNOW  
JIMMY. ROB IS  
JUST... TOO OLD  
FOR HIS AGE.



...AN' THAT'S JUST HOW  
THE WHOLE CRAZY THING  
HAPPENED, STRIKE US  
DUMB AN' DEAD IF WE'RE  
LYIN'.



YEAH. SOME STORY, AWRIGHT.  
WELL, THANKS FOR THE INFO,  
COWBOYS.



WE WAS MAINLY  
INTERESTED IN  
VERIFYIN' WHAT  
WE ALREADY  
SUSPECTED--

-- THAT  
GODZILLA CONTINUED  
ON EAST, SO  
LONG.



BUT EVEN AS THEY REBOARD THE HELI-CARRIER...

WHO'S THAT  
COMIN' DOWN?

AIN'T  
NO BLASTED  
SHIELD  
CRAFT.

UH, NO,  
MR. DUGAN... I  
HOPE YOU WILL  
FORGIVE ME...

FOR WHAT, DOC?  
SPILL IT.

WELL, I... UH,  
TOOK THE LIBERTY OF  
INVITING A COLLEAGUE  
OF MINE FROM YOUR OWN  
NEW YORK MUSEUM--

--DR. GLADSTONE HAWK-  
INS, EMINENT PALEONTO-  
LOGIST AND ONE OF THE  
FOREMOST AUTHORITIES ON  
REPTILIAN BEHAVIOR  
PATTERNS.

SORRY I'M LATE, BUT  
APPARENTLY I ARRIVED  
IN SALT LAKE CITY JUST  
AS YOU WERE LEAVING,  
AND NOW, I'M MOST  
ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS  
YOUR ASTOUNDING  
GODZILLA.

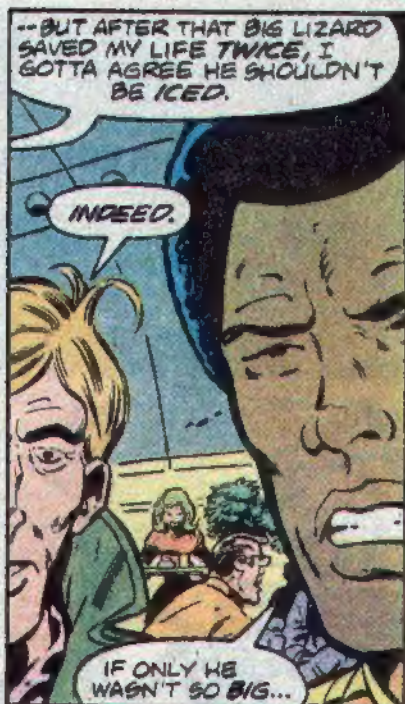
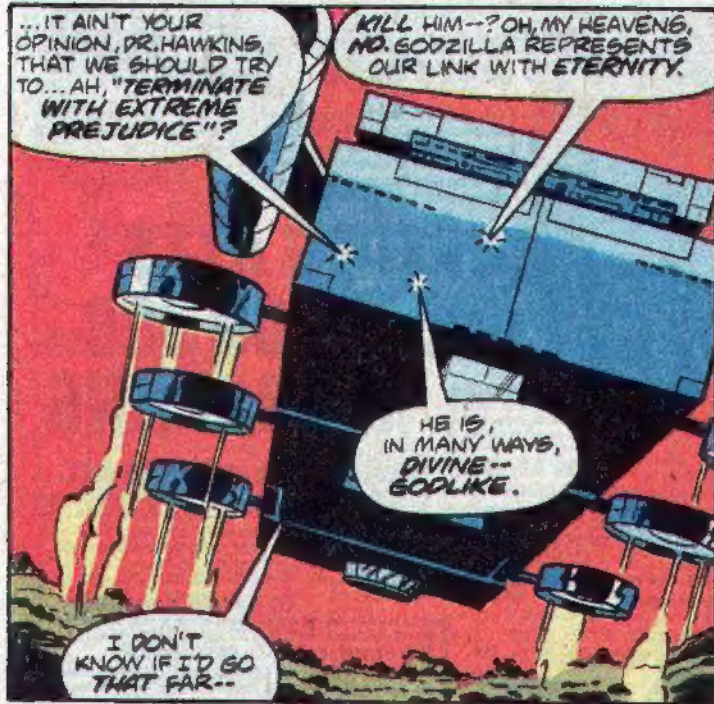
PERHAPS  
WE COULD  
RETIRE TO THE  
CAFETERIA?

HOW DO  
YOU DO?

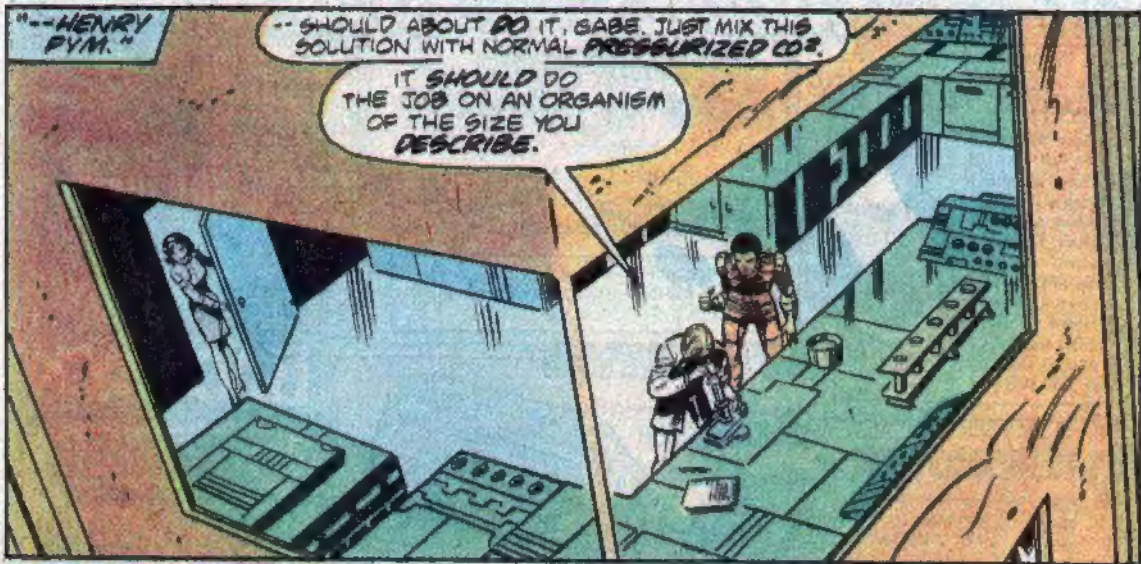
...IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT LIVING  
CREATURE IN THE WORLD. THOSE OF US WHO  
HAD EVEN DARED TO BELIEVE SUCH AN EVENT  
WAS POSSIBLE HAD ALWAYS TURNED OUR  
EYES TO SCOTLAND'S LOCH NESS,  
BUT NOW...

THEN,  
UH...









"--HENRY  
P.Y.M."

-- SHOULD ABOUT DO IT, GABE. JUST MIX THIS  
SOLUTION WITH NORMAL PRESSURIZED CO<sub>2</sub>.

IT SHOULD DO  
THE JOB ON AN ORGANISM  
OF THE SIZE YOU  
DESCRIBE.



GOOD ENOUGH,  
DOC.

BUT REMEMBER--  
NO GUARANTEES.



TIME FOR DINNER, HANK--  
BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE WE  
HAD COMPANY.

HELLO,  
DARLING.



THIS IS GABE JONES, JAN--  
HE'S AN AGENT FROM  
SHIELD.

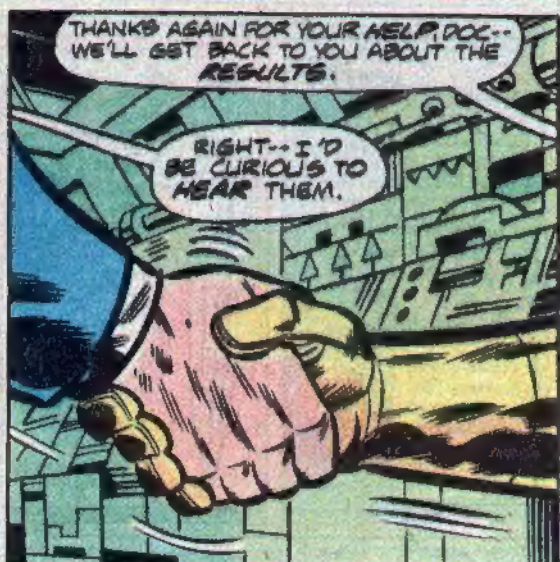


AND THIS IS  
MY WIFE,  
JANET.

WILL YOU  
HAVE SOME  
DINNER,  
GABE?

THANKS ANYWAY,  
MRS. P.Y.M., BUT  
I WAS JUST  
LEAVING.

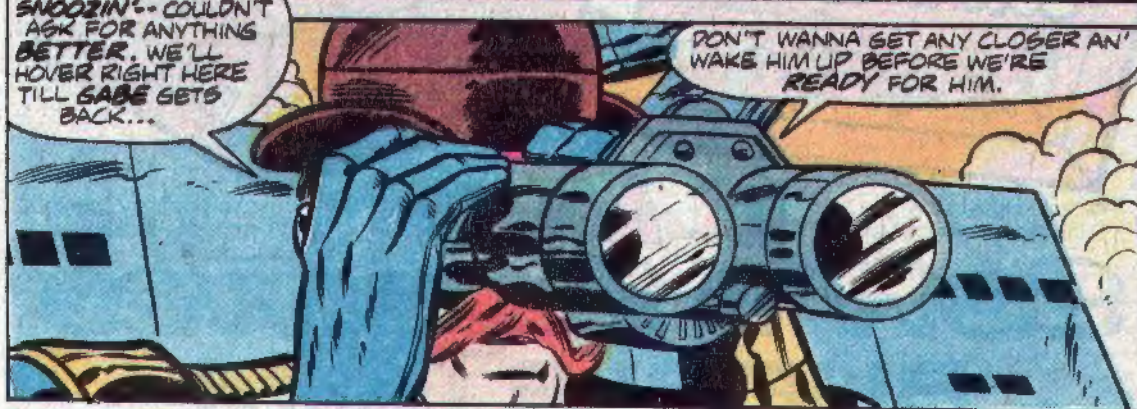
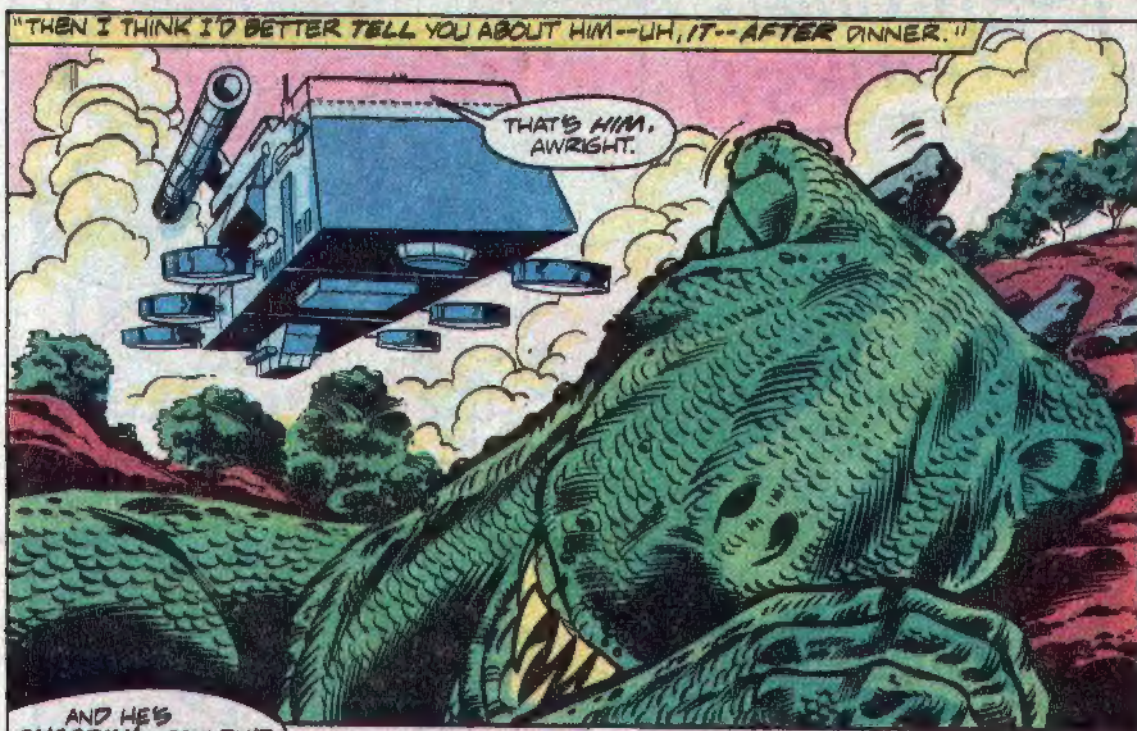
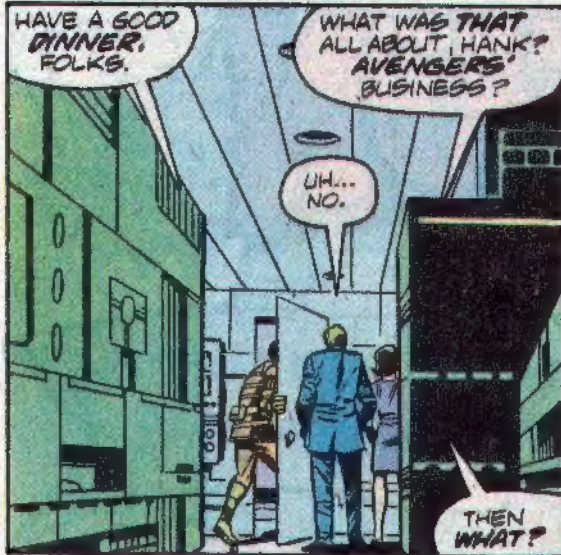
I'M ON A  
TIGHT SCHEDULE.



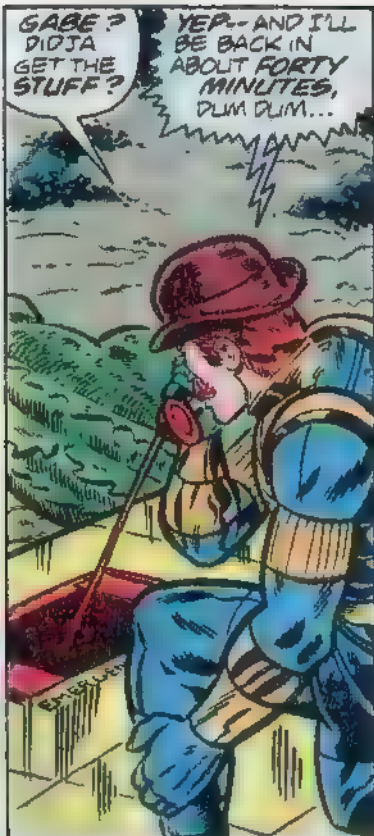
THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP, DOC--  
WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU ABOUT THE  
RESULTS.

RIGHT--I'D  
BE CURIOUS TO  
HEAR THEM.









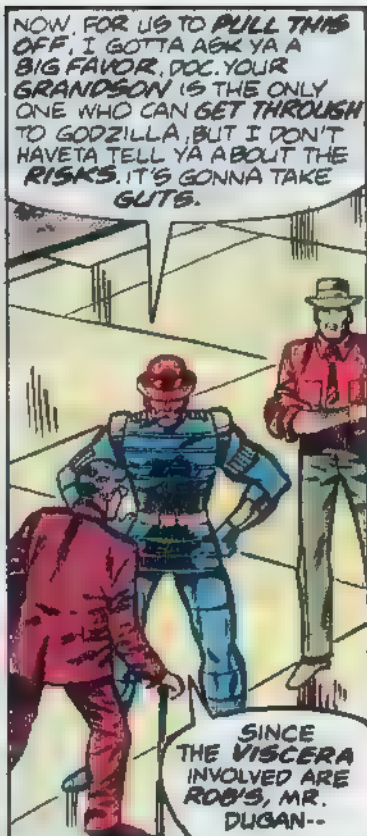
GABE?  
DIDJA  
GET THE  
STUFF?

YEP--AND I'LL  
BE BACK IN  
ABOUT FORTY  
MINUTES,  
DUM DUM...



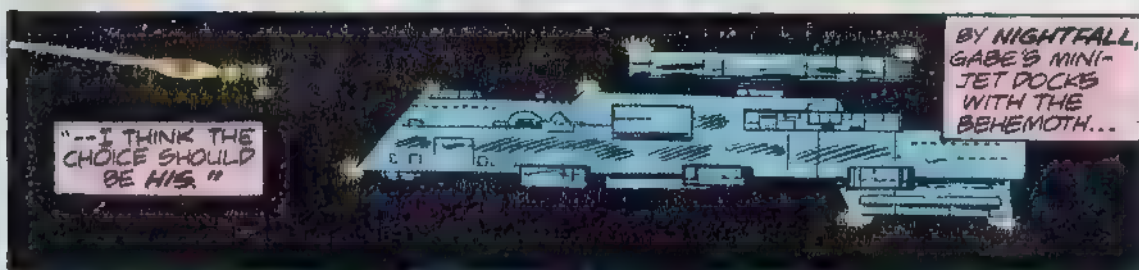
GET THE WHIZ-KIDS TO  
CANNIBALIZE SOME OF  
THE HELI-CARRIER  
EQUIPMENT AND COOK  
UP SOME KIND OF  
PRESSURIZED CO<sub>2</sub>  
NOZZLE-BLASTER.

YOU GOT IT. I'LL TURN  
YA OVER TO HOWARDS NOW,  
GABE--HE'LL GIVE YA THE CO-  
ORDINATES TO HOME IN ON.



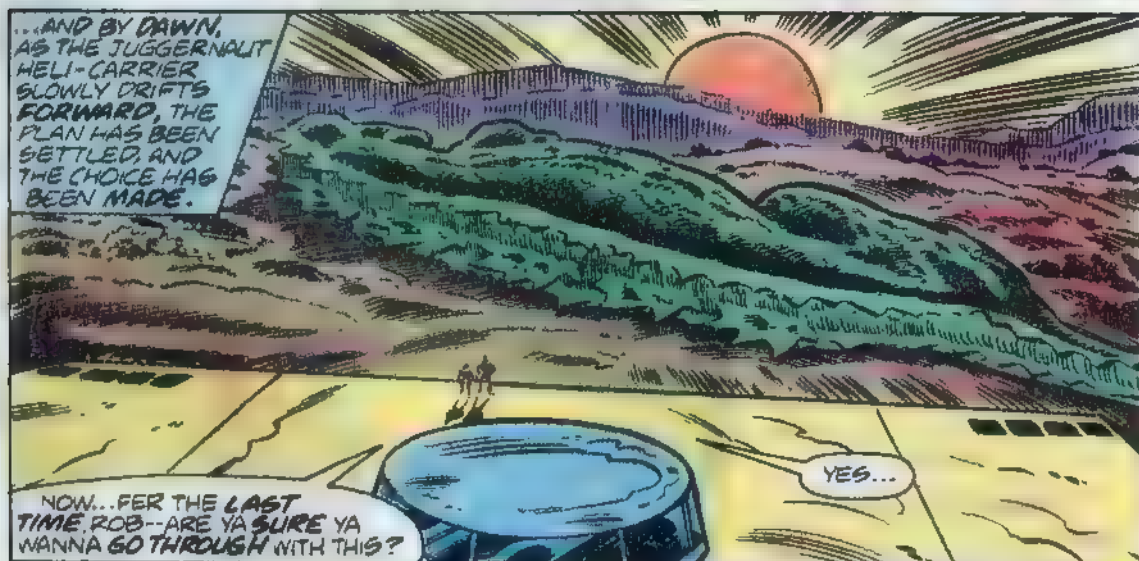
NOW, FOR US TO PULL THIS  
OFF, I GOTTA ASK YA A  
BIG FAVOR, DOC. YOUR  
GRANDSON IS THE ONLY  
ONE WHO CAN GET THROUGH  
TO GODZILLA, BUT I DON'T  
HAVETA TELL YA ABOUT THE  
RISKS. IT'S GONNA TAKE  
GUTS.

SINCE  
THE VISCERA  
INVOLVED ARE  
ROB'S, MR.  
DUGAN--



"--I THINK THE  
CHOICE SHOULD  
BE HIS."

BY NIGHTFALL,  
GABE'S MINI-  
JET DOCKS  
WITH THE  
BEHEMOTH...



...AND BY DAWN,  
AS THE JUGGERNAUT  
HELI-CARRIER  
SLOWLY DRIFTS  
FORWARD, THE  
PLAN HAS BEEN  
SETTLED, AND  
THE CHOICE HAS  
BEEN MADE.

NOW...FER THE LAST  
TIME, ROB--ARE YA SURE YA  
WANNA GO THROUGH WITH THIS?

YES...



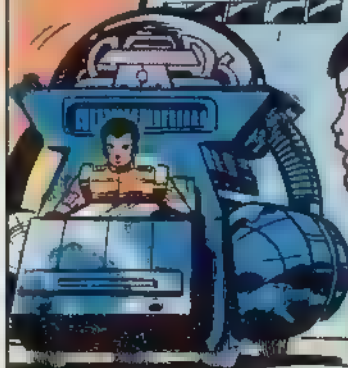
NOW THAT YOU AGREE WITH ME. MR DUGAN, THAT GODZILLA SHOULD NOT BE HARMED... I'M VERY SURE.

YOU'RE ALL RIGHT FOR A KID, Y'KNOW THAT?

OKAY-- THEN DO YER STUFF, ROB.

--HALTING ONLY AT THE VERY PRECIPICE OF THE BEHEMOTH'S DECK. AND THEN...

**GODZILLA!!**



GABE, YA GOT THAT GIZMO READY?

ALL READY, DUM DUM.

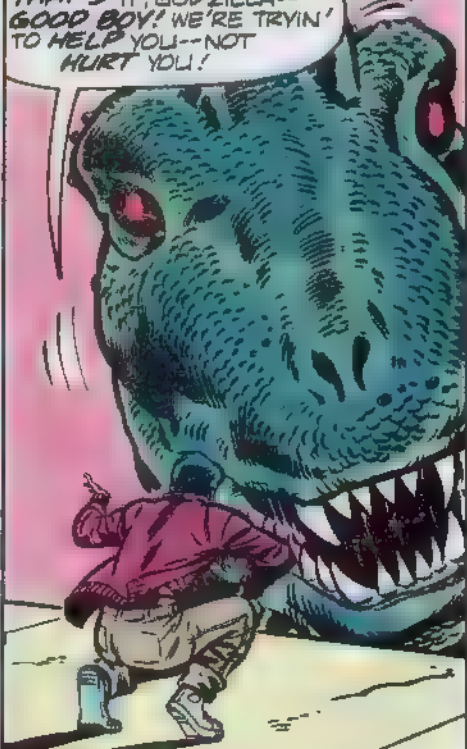
THE 12-YEAR-OLD BOY-MAN STEPS FORWARD WITHOUT HESITATION--



WAKE UP, GODZILLA!

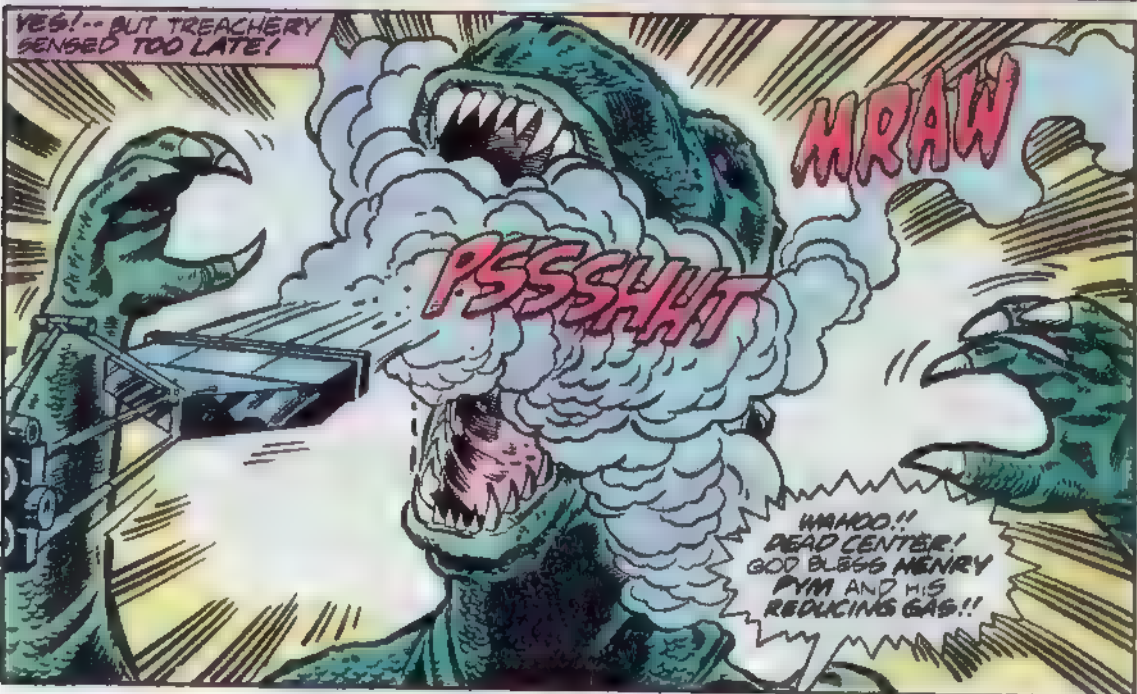
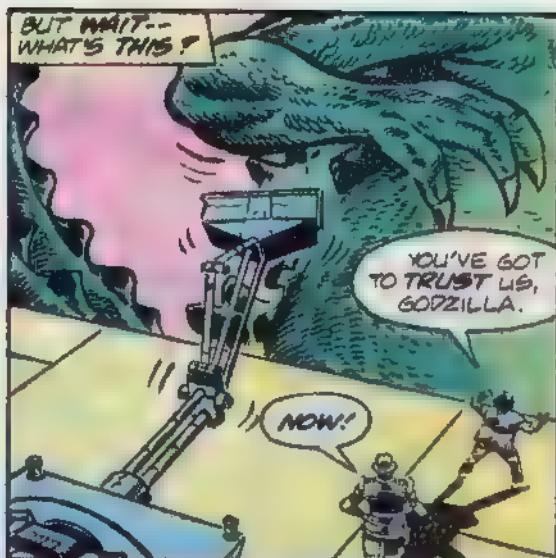
I'M UP HERE!!

THAT'S IT, GODZILLA-- GOOD BOY! WE'RE TRYIN' TO HELP YOU--NOT HURT YOU!

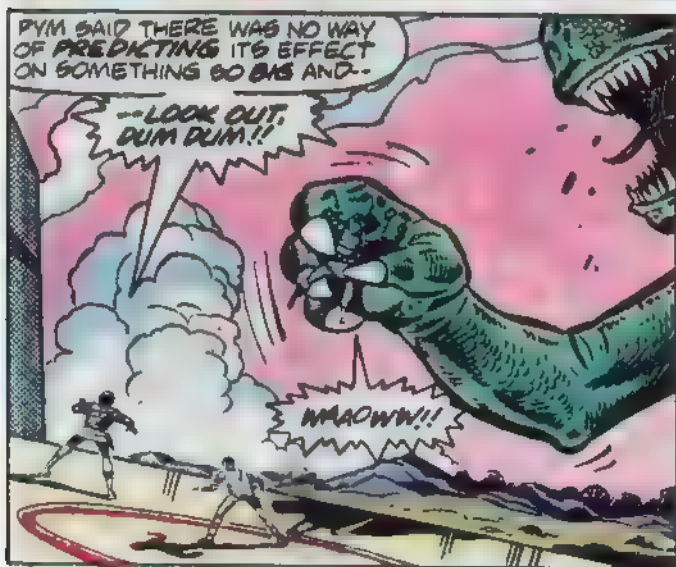
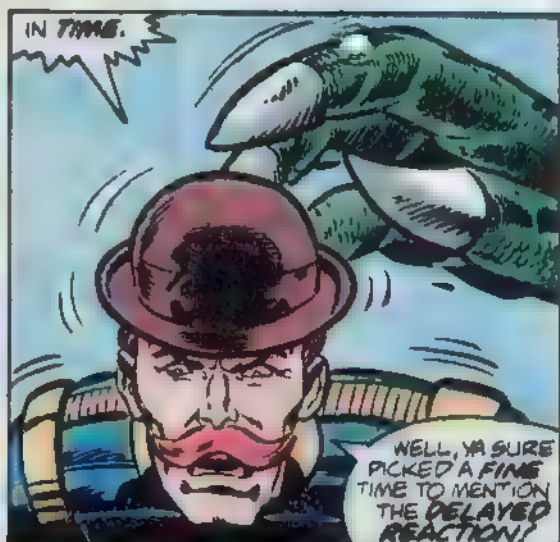
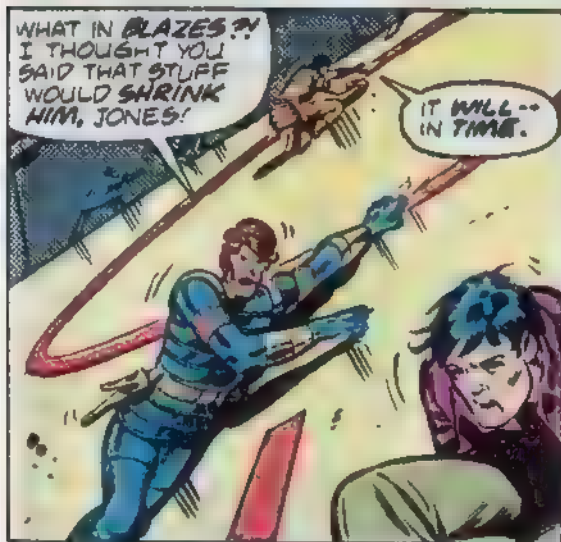
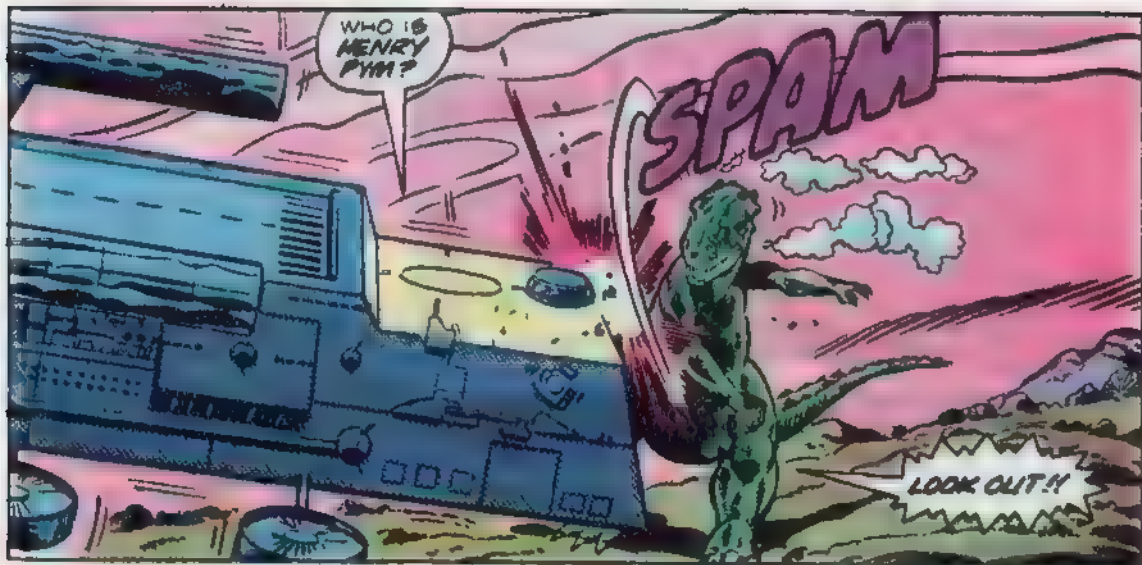


CAN A MONSTER SMILE? DOES GODZILLA SMILE NOW? PERHAPS.















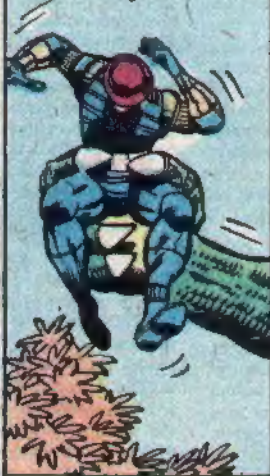
NOW LISTEN TO ME,  
YA BIG GREEN GALOOT!  
THIS'S DUM DUM DUSAN  
YOU'RE SQUISHIN' AN'  
IF YA DON'T PUT ME  
DOWN, I'LL--



--HUN--?  
WHAT'S  
HAPPENIN'--?



I'M  
GETTIN'  
BIGGER--!

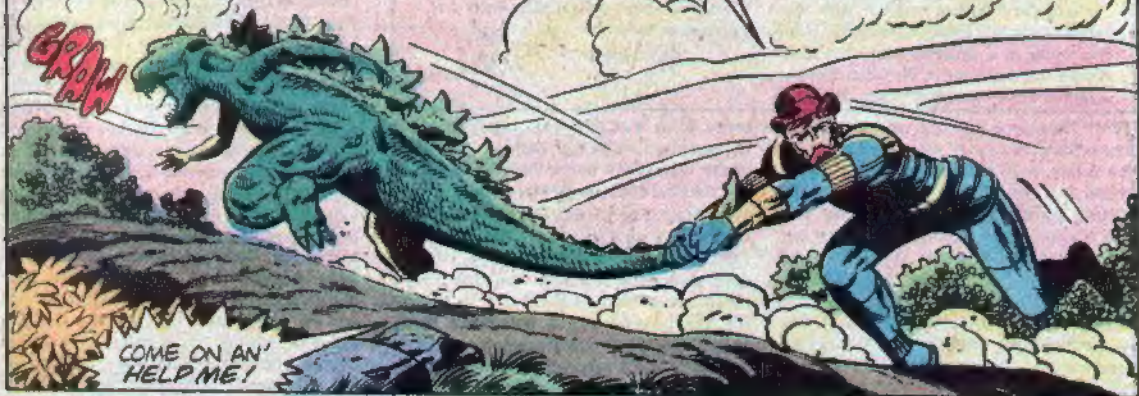


NO-- HE'S GETTIN'  
SMALLER! IT  
WORKED-- THE  
SHRINK-GAS  
WORKED!



AWRIGHT, YA BUG-EYED YARDBIRDS  
UP THERE-- WHAT'RE YA WAITIN' FOR?!

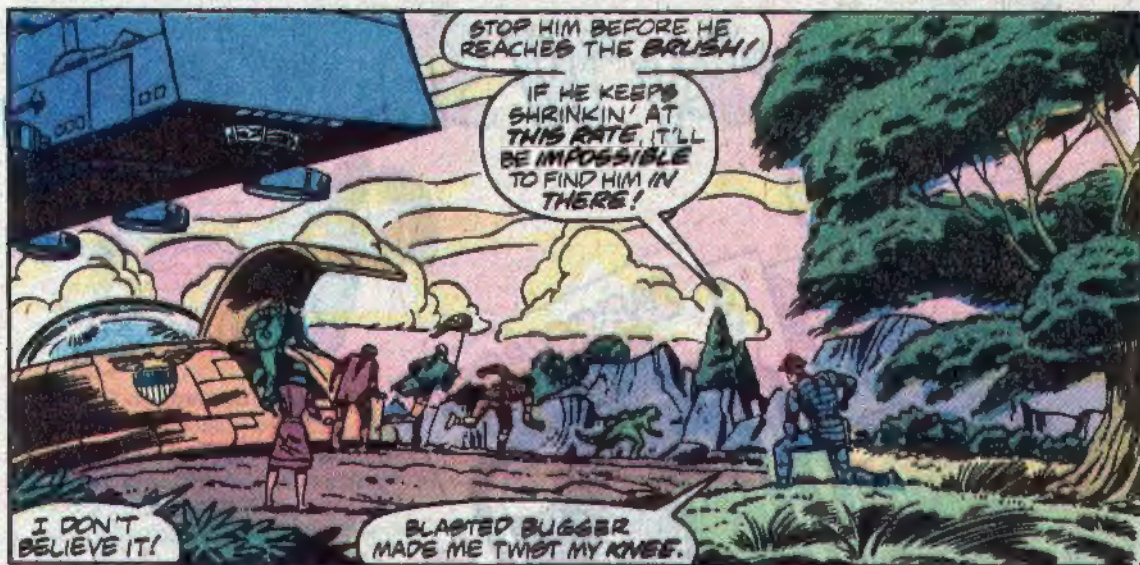
I GOT A BLASTED RAGIN'  
DINOSAUR BY THE TAIL, AN'  
YOU STAND THERE SAWKIN'!



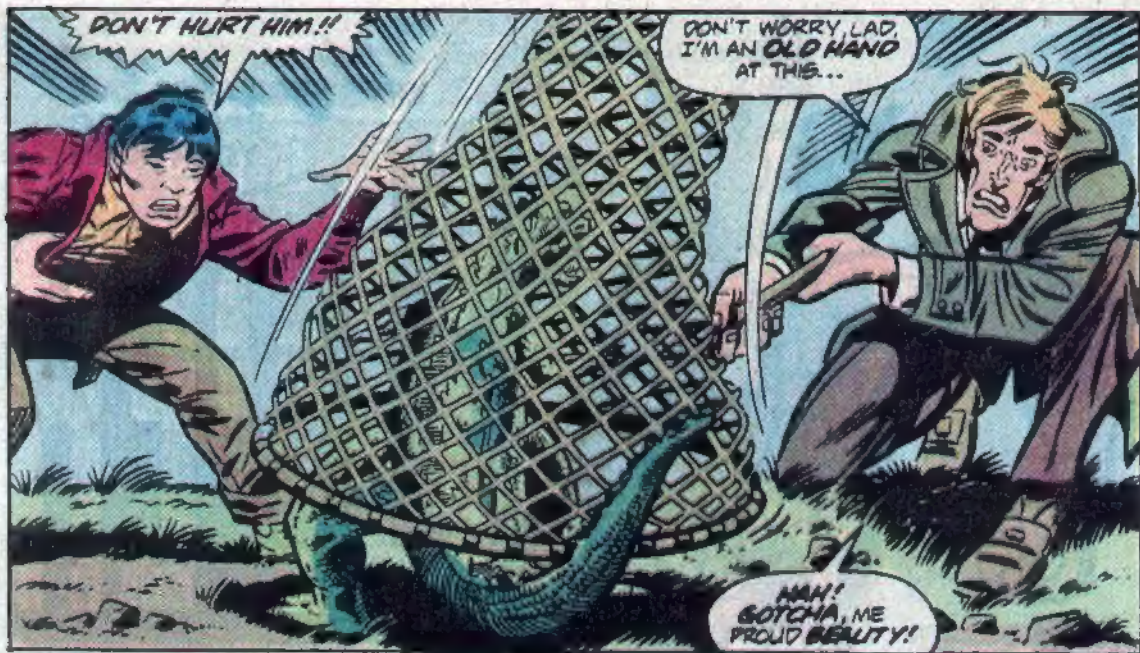
HE GOT LOOSE-- AN' HE'S  
STILL SHRINKIN'! HURRY  
IT UP OR WE'LL NEVER  
CATCH HIM!











**NEXT  
ISSUE**

ENTERING NOT AS THE CONQUERING KING,  
BUT MERELY AS A DIMINUTIVE SPECIMEN,  
GODZILLA NEVERTHELESS FIGHTS BACK IN--

**NEW YORK!**